

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please add the following heading on page 1, after the title, as follows:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the heading in toto on page 1 before the second paragraph.

Please add the following heading on page 1, after the second paragraph, as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the heading in toto on page 8 before the second paragraph.

Please add the following heading on page 8, after the second paragraph, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 1~~ one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a biosensor comprising a development layer where an inspection target solution is developed, and further comprising at least a marker reagent part where a marker reagent is held so as to be dissolved by the development of the inspection target solution in a part of the development layer, as well as a reagent immobilization part where a reagent which specifically reacts to an analysis target in the inspection target solution is immobilized in a part of the development layer, in which biosensor the development layer is provided with a bleaching reagent area where a reagent having

bleaching action is carried in a dry state where it can be dissolved, at least in a part of a sample application area where the inspection target solution is applied or the downstream of the sample application area in the direction of the inspection target solution permeating.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 2~~ another aspect of the present invention[[,]] and in the above-noted biosensor ~~as defined in Claim 1~~, the development layer is made of nitrocellulose.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 3~~ another aspect of the present invention[[,]] and in the above-noted biosensor, ~~as defined in Claim 1~~, the reagent having bleaching action is directly carried on the development layer so as to be dissolved.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 4~~ yet another aspect of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 1~~, a sample inflow area to which the inspection target solution flows in by a capillary phenomenon is arranged on the development layer, and the bleaching reagent area is held in the sample inflow area.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 5~~ still another aspect of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 1~~, the inspection target solution to be applied is whole blood.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 6~~ one version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 1,~~ the reagent having bleaching action is sodium percarbonate.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 7~~ an alternative version of the above of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 1,~~ the reagent having bleaching action is hydrogen peroxide.

Please replace the sixth paragraph on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 8~~ yet another alternative version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 1,~~ the reagent having bleaching action is sodium hypochlorite.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 12 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 9~~ another version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 1,~~ the biosensor is a one-step immunochromatographic test strip.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 12 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 10~~ an alternative version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 1,~~ the ~~biosensor~~ biosensor is a dry analysis element.

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 12 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 11~~ yet another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a biosensor comprising a development layer where an inspection target solution is developed, and further comprising at least a marker reagent part where a marker reagent is held so as to be dissolved by the development of the inspection target solution in a part of the development layer, as well as a reagent immobilization part where a reagent which specifically reacts to an analysis target in the inspection target solution is immobilized in a part of the development layer, in which biosensor the development layer is provided with areas where a cellular component contraction agent and a reagent having bleaching action are carried respectively so as to be dissolved, at least in parts of downstream of a sample application area where the inspection target solution is applied, in the direction of the inspection target solution permeating.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 14 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 12~~ a version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the development layer is made of nitrocellulose.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 14 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 13~~ another version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the reagent having bleaching action is directly carried on the development layer so as to be dissolved.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 14~~ yet another version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ a sample inflow area to which the inspection target solution flows in by a capillary phenomenon is arranged on the development layer, and the bleaching reagent area is held in the sample inflow area.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 15~~ another version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ a mixed reagent of the cellular component contraction agent and the reagent having bleaching action is carried in the development layer.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 16 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 16~~ still another version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ a space is arranged on the development layer, through which the inspection target solution, getting contact therewith, flows in by a capillary phenomenon, and a mixed cellular component contraction agent and reagent having bleaching action are held in the space in a dry state where it can be dissolved by the inflow of the inspection target solution.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 16 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 17~~ still another version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the inspection target solution to be applied is whole blood.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 18~~ still another version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the reagent having bleaching action is sodium percarbonate.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 19~~ an alternative version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the reagent having bleaching action is hydrogen peroxide.

Please replace the sixth paragraph on page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 20~~ yet another alternative version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the reagent having bleaching action is sodium hypochlorite.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 18 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 21~~ one version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the cellular component contraction agent is inorganic salt.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 18 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 22~~ another version of the biosensor of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the reagent having bleaching action is sodium percarbonate.

Please replace the sixth paragraph on page 18 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 23~~ another version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the cellular component contraction agent is a saccharide.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 19 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 24~~ one version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the biosensor is a one-step immunochromatographic test strip.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 19 with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~Claim 25~~ an alternative version of the present invention, ~~in the biosensor as defined in Claim 11,~~ the biosensor is a dry analysis element.

Please delete the heading in toto on page 21 before seventh paragraph.

Please add the following heading on page 21, before the seventh paragraph as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION